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SUBJECT: LOCAL REACTION TO MIN ED ZEPPOS STATEMENT AND  
PLANNED RADICAL DEMONSTRATION JAN 22

REF: THESS 47 AND 28

1. THESSALONIKI PAPERS OF JAN 22 FRONTPAGE TEXT OF  
JAN 21 MIN ED DECISION EXTENDING INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED  
JUNTIST PROFESSORS. ACCORDING TO REPORTS, MAJORITY OF  
LOCAL STUDENTS SATISFIED WITH ANNOUNCEMENT AND MED STUDENTS  
MEETING NOW TO VOTE WHETHER TO CONTINUE OCCUPATION OF  
SCHOOL BUILDING. STUDENTS OF OTHER FACULTIES ALSO  
CONVENING TO DECIDE ON FURTHER BOYCOTT OF CLASSES. THESS  
UNIV RECTOR MOLITIS ISSUED CALL TO STUDENTS JAN 21 TO  
RESUME CLASSES FOLLOWING MIN ED DECISION. "MAKEDONIA"  
COMMENTS, HOWEVER, THAT GENERAL STUDENT SATISFACTION WITH  
ZEPPOS' DECISION UNLIKELY TO MEAN ABANDONMENT OF OTHER GOALS  
INCLUDING STUDENT REPRESENTATION ON DISCIPLINARY COUNCIL AND  
UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION AND FULL "DEMOCRATIZATION"  
OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

2. DESPITE APPARENT APPROVAL OF MIN ED DECISION BY  
MAJORITY OF STUDENTS, RADICAL ELEMENTS PROCEEDING WITH  
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PLANS FOR DEMONSTRATION AT 1600 JAN 22 IN ARISTOTELOUS

SQUARE (REFS). ANNOUNCED THEMES FOR GATHERING INCLUDE "DEMOCRATIZATION" OF UNIVERSITIES AND PUBLIC LIFE, INDEPENDENCE OF CYPRUS, AND A MORE DEMOCRATIC GREEK CONSTITUTION. GROUPS SPONSORING DEMONSTRATION INCLUDE PANHELLENIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION (PON), RIGAS FERREOS (KKE-INT.), COMMUNIST YOUTH OF GREECE (KNE), PANHELLENIC STUDENT STRUGGLE FORMATION (PASP-PASOK), REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY OF GREECE (EKKE-MAOIST), AND GREEK SOCIALIST MOVEMENT (KES). GROUPS ABOVE HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO RECRUIT NON-STUDENT PARTICIPANTS AND HAVE DISTRIBUTED PAMPHLETS THROUGHOUT THESSALONIKI SUBURBS IN PAST FEW DAYS. CLANDESTINE STUDENT RADIO ALSO PUBLICIZING EVENT.

3. COMMENT: CONGEN IN CONTACT WITH POLICE AND TAKING NECESSARY SECURITY PRECAUTIONS. WHILE MAJORITY OF STUDENTS REPORTEDLY OPPOSED TO ACTION, OBSERVERS CONCERNED THAT RADICAL GROUPS MAY ATTEMPT TO PROVOKE INCIDENT IN ORDER TO REGAIN MOMENTUM UNDERCUT BY CONCILIATORY MIN ED DECISION. ALIENS POLICE CHIEF REPORTS THAT CROWD COULD BE AS HIGH AS 10,000, BUT SPONSORING GROUPS HAVE IN PAST HAD DIFFICULTIES COORDINATING AND WE BELIEVE SUCH HEAVY ATTENDANCE UNLIKELY.  
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